

# **ALGONA BASKETBALL 2009-2010**



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# **ALGONA BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HANDBOOK**

This handbook has been put together to outline the expectations for you as a part of our program. Not all situations that may come up during the season will be covered in this handbook. Coaches will determine how these situations will be handled as they arise.

The goal of our coaching staff is to establish good communication between coaches and players. Communication is essential in building a good relationship between players and coaches.

Noel McLaughlin  
Head Boys Basketball Coach

Athletic Director: Brad Heitland

## Coaching Staff:

Varsity Assistant/JV:	Jim McMahon and Chad Ahlers
Head Freshmen:	Pete Waltz
Assistant Freshmen:	Greg Grabianowski
Head 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Todd VanOtterloo
Head 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Todd Louwagie

## **TEAM RULES/POLICIES**

- \*Practice jerseys will be given to each player and worn daily.
- \*Each varsity player will be given game jerseys and a warm-up. They will be responsible for them until the end of the year.
- \*Equipment issued to players may only be worn at appropriate times.
- \*Equipment will be turned in at the end of the season. If a player does not return equipment they will be ineligible for their next sport until the equipment is turned in.
- \*No jewelry will be worn at practice.
- \*PRACTICE HARD
- \*We will dress alike on days that we have a game.
- \*Players must attend one-half of the school day in order to play in a game that day.
- \*We are going to be courteous and respectful to officials. Go above and beyond what would be expected of a sportsman-like player.
- \*Be respectful to your teachers and do your best in the classroom.
- \*Be respectful to each other. We are all in this together.
- \*Players are not to address coaches by their first names.
- \*There will be no swearing tolerated on or off the court.
- \*The school handbook will be followed in regards to academic eligibility and the good conduct rule.
- \*LOYALTY-Basketball has to be a priority during the season. Sacrifices have to be made if you want to be part of the program.
- \*Our goal is to be a first class program.
- \*REMEMBER YOU ARE ALWAYS REPRESENTING YOUR TEAM AND YOUR SCHOOL.

## **PRACTICE/ATTENDANCE**

- \*Be on time for practice. If you are late you will be expected to make that time up later.
- \*It is your responsibility to be stretched and ready to go when practice starts.
- \*Coaches must be notified before practice if you are going to be absent.
- \*Excused and unexcused practices will be determined by the coaching staff.
- \*1<sup>st</sup> unexcused practice will result in missing a game.
- \*2<sup>nd</sup> unexcused practice will result in missing a second game.
- \*3<sup>rd</sup> unexcused practice will result in being dismissed from the team.

## LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

- \*Seniors participating in basketball for four years will automatically earn a letter.
- \*You must play in at least twenty-five quarters during the regular season.
- \*Coaches may all also letter a player in special situations. An example would be if a player is called up from the JV late in the season and becomes an important part of the varsity team.
- \*Any member of the varsity team that qualifies for state will earn a letter.

## TRAVEL

- \*Players will be asked to ride the bus to and from games.
- \*In special situations players may ride home with their parents only. If possible please notify the coach ahead of time.
- \*Players will need to sign out to go home with parents.
- \*Other situations must be approved by the building principal or athletic director ahead of time.

## COMMUNICATION

- \*Players are asked to communicate with their coaches. If there is a problem we need to talk about it.
- \*Situations come up during the season that players and coaches have to deal with. Our coaching staff feels that communication between coaches and players is a key to solving most problems.

Note to parents: I hope that you will support the goals of the basketball program by supporting the team and its coaches. Please insist that your son follows the rules of our basketball team.
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Yours in Basketball,

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Algona Boys Basketball  
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I have read the handbook and understand the contents of it. I am willing to fulfill my role to make our program successful.

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Player's Signature

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Parent's Signature